

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 14, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment.

Quorum present; the Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Truit presented the petition of Richard Hooper; referred to a select committee composed of Messrs. Truit, Parker, Scott, Reaves and Bogart.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of Edward S. Napier; read and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of sundry citizens of the counties of McClennan and Navarro, praying the creation of the county of Knox; referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of William J. Jones, praying the renewal of the Charter incorporating the Galveston Steam Ferry, Freight and Tow-Boat Company; approved March 20, 1848; referred to the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Dancy presented the petition of Edward Manton; referred to the committee on State Affairs, together with the accompanying documents.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of sundry citizens of Saluria; referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Eddy, from the committee on Printing, made the following report:

The committee on Printing have contracted with the proprietors of the State Gazette, for ten copies of each issue of the Tri-weekly, at five cents per copy, in which paper will be published the Journals; and with the proprietors of the South Western American, for ten copies of each issue of the Semi-weekly American for each member of the Senate, at six cents per copy, which paper will publish the Debates of the Senate.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Education be instructed to enquire into the expediency and propriety of adopting at the present session a general system of free common schools, for the State, and report by bill or otherwise."

Mr. Dancy offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of amending the tax laws of this State, so as to make it lawful for the Assessors and Collectors to advertise, giving the taxable inhabitants of their respective counties notice to meet them at certain times and places, and give in a list of their taxable property, and also to meet them at certain times and places for the purpose of paying taxes.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pastors of the different religious denominations in the city of Austin, be requested to make arrangements to give the Senate morning prayers during the present session, and that the pay of Chaplain be equally divided amongst those Ministers who may perform the service.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to determine what lands are forfeited.

A bill for the investigation and determination of eleven league land claims in Robertson and Burnet's Colonies; and a bill changing the northern boundary of Williamson county; which were severally read a first time.

Mr. Hill introduced a bill for the relief of Alexander McKenzie; read first time.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to facilitate the operations of persons engaged in the United States Coast Survey, in the State of Texas, under proper restrictions; read first time.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill to incorporate the Cold Spring Female Institute; read first time.

Mr. Duggan introduced a bill to prevent stallions from running at large; read first time.

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A bill to incorporate Tyler University; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Reaves, referred to the committee on Education.

A bill making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers of the State; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Davis, referred to the committee on Internal Improvement.

Resolution requesting the committee on Public Debt to enquire into the expediency of providing for the prompt payment of first class claims for services or supplies held by citizens of Texas, &c.; read and adopted.

Resolution for raising a joint committee on Internal Improvement; read.

Mr. Day offered the following amendment :

The negro, Harriet Newel Sands, immigrated to Texas in 1834, and has been here ever since, she was free in Michigan before she removed to Texas, and under our laws and Constitution has the right to remain in the country with her children unmolested. The committee therefore recommended the passage of the accompanying bill, to secure her from the annoyance of evil disposed persons.

A bill to permit Harriet Newell Sands and her children to remain in Texas; read a first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced the following bills, which were severally read a first time :

A bill for the relief of John C. Cuddel, Assessor and Collector of Bell county ;

A bill granting one third league of land to William Windgate; and,

A bill for the relief of Joab B. Harrell.

Mr. Day introduced a bill for the relief of William E. Howth ; read first time.

Mr. Bogart introduced a bill supplementary to an act relating to lands in Peters' Colony, approved February 10, 1852; read first time.

Mr. Potter introduced joint resolution proposing amendments to the Constitution ; read first time.

Mr. Eddy introduced a bill to establish a system of common schools ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Eddy, the rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended ; read second time, and referred to the committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Scott, one hundred copies of the bill were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Reaves introduced a bill to incorporate the Texas central railroad company ; read first time.

Mr. Day introduced a bill to extend the provisions of an act to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas, approved March 20, 1848 ; read first time.

Mr. Parker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on State Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a board of Medical Censors for this State, and report accordingly.

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Resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to report a bill to provide for the deductions from the salaries of public officers who may neglect the performance of their duties ; read and adopted.

Resolution for amending the 38th rule of the Senate; read and rejected.

Resolution instructing the committee on Internal Improvements, to report a system of railroad improvements for this State, &c.; read.

Mr. Potter moved to amend the resolution by striking out "all," after the word State; upon which the yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Dancy, Day, Ford, Grimes, Miller, Parker, Potter, Truit and Wilson—11.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Davis, Duggan, Eddy, Hill, Meusebach, Reaves, Scott and Taylor—10; adopted.

Mr. Taylor moved to amend the resolution so as to read, that the committee on Internal Improvements be requested to take under consideration the propriety of reporting as early as convenient, a system of railroad improvements for this State.

Mr. Dancy offered the following as a substitute for the resolution and amendment:

Resolved, That the committee on Internal Improvements, enquire into the expediency of reporting a system of Internal Improvements for the State, either by the State or by chartered companies; adopted.

A bill for the relief of Richard Hooper; read second time, and rejected.

The report of the committee on Private Land Claims, recommending that the petition of Richard Rains be referred to the committee on Public Lands; read and adopted.

A bill to prohibit the selling to free persons of color, ardent spirits or intoxicating liquors; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Davis, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to authorize parties to land suits, to allege and plead any matter of law or fact, that the Republic or State of Texas might do, or could have done, at the time the grant was made; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Reaves, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the town of Jasper; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Eddy, referred to the committee on Counties and county Boundaries.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Stacy Daily; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Truit, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to prohibit the depositing of cotton seed outside of enclosures; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Day, referred to a Select committee;

Messrs. Day, Truit, Burks, Scott and Duggan were appointed said committee.

A bill to amend the road law; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Eli W. Lawler; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to define the third Judicial District, and to fix the time of holding the courts therein; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Hill, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill in relation to capital punishment; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to organize the 13th Judicial District of the State of Texas; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Hill, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to repeal a joint resolution, for the punishment of vagrants, approved, January 10, 1849; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to define the 9th Judicial District, and fix the time of holding the courts therein; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Hill, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to incorporate Woodlawn academy; read second time and,

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, referred to the committee on Education.

Joint resolution to provide for amending the 30th section of the general provisions of the Constitution; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives, to urge upon the Congress of the United States certain propositions; read second time, and,

On motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Dancy offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary enquire into the expediency of passing a law to be submitted to the people, to prohibit the retailing of ardent spirits, to be drunk at the retail house, under appropriate penalties.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

AUSTIN, Tuesday, January 18, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Fontaine—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Parker presented the petition of John W. King ; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Duggan presented the petition of John Reid, heir of Walker Reid ; referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Eddy, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred a bill making appropriations for the improvement of the rivers of the State, reported the same back, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Davis, from the committee on Internal Improvements, to which was referred the petition of Levi Jones ; made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvement, to whom was referred the petition of Levi Jones, asking for the amendment of the act incorporating the La Salle and El Paso railway company, reported a bill supplementary to an act to establish the La Salle and El Paso railway company ; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong, chairman of the committee on Public Lands, to which was referred the petition of Richard Rains ; reported—

A bill requiring the Commissioners of the General Land Office to cancel patent 422, and to issue a certificate to Richard Rains for 640 acres land ; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of the citizens of Saluria, reported a bill for the relief of the proprietors of the town of Saluria ; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong, from the committee on Public Lands, reported,